

Implementation of a Slot Size on Walleyes with a Reduced Walleye Bag Limit on Cedar Lake – St. Croix/Polk Counties

The Problem: Small walleyes in Cedar Lake are quite numerous but adult fish greater than the legal size limit of 15 inches are in short supply making up less than 3 fish per acre in this 1107 acre lake.

Whereas: Walleyes growing to the legal size limit on Cedar Lake are quickly caught and removed and:

Whereas: St Croix County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, and with population increase fishing pressure on Cedar Lake has greatly increased and;

Whereas: Protective slot regulations on other lakes in the state such as Lake Wissota in Chippewa County has shown to be beneficial in increasing the size structure of fish in the lake:

Therefore be it resolved: That the Department of Natural Resources considers a reduction in the bag limit of walleye from 5 to 3 and implement a protected slot size on walleyes from 14-18 inches in Cedar Lake. These regulation changes are supported by members of the Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, St Croix County Alliance of Sportsmen, the Willow River Rod & Gun Club and the Star Prairie Fish & Game Association.

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